[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

9-30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce the following message, dated the 3rd February 1958, received from the Governor of Madras :—

" In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1), read with Article 199, clause (1), sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Bishnuram Medhi. Governor of Madras, hereby given my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax (Emergency Provisions) Bill, 1958."

(2) PERCINCTS OF THE HOUSE AND THE STATEMENT IN THE " NAM NADU ".

MR. SPEAKER : I desire to refer an important matter to the Committee of Privileges under Rule 187 of the Assembly Rules. Any service of a legal process or the execution of legal process within the precincts of the Legislative Assembly when the House is sitting or a Committee of the House is sitting would be a breach of Privilege. What the precincts are should be defined. During the first Legislative Assembly, i.e., 1952 to 1957, this matter was referred to the Privileges Committee.

The Committee's report was approved by the Assembly on the 20th December 1956. But since April 1957, the Assembly is holding its sessions in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at Fort St. George. Therefore the precincts of the Assembly have to be determined with reference to this Chamber.

I now therefore refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges to report on the construction to be put on the expression " precincts of the House " with reference to the Legislative Assembly here.

(3) A STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE " NAM NADU ".

MR. SPEAKER : My attention has been drawn to the statement in the copy of " Nam Nadu ", dated 11th December 1957, containing a speech of Sri C. N. Annadurai, M.L.A., in which he had stated that he had influenced the Speaker to ask Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, M.L.A., to withdraw his resignation from the Business Advisory Committee. This statement had been made in a public meeting in Tamil. This has resulted in Sri M. Kalyanasundaram replying to this in a publication and giving expresion to it in a public meeting. Two things are involved in this, the inaccuracy of the statement and a comment on the conduct of the Speaker outside the House.

The Speaker represents the House. He represents the dignity of the House, the freedom of the House and is the custodian of the rights of the House. It is therefore considered to be a high indignity offered to the House to criticise the actions of the Speaker. The conduct of the Speaker cannot therefore, according to parliamentary practice, be commented upon and the House will punish